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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

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The Department of Health is the state licensing agency for Hospitals, Nursing Homes and intermediate care health facilities. The Office of Licensure and Certification of Health Facilities determines, issue the standards and supervises the efficient operation of health facilities in Puerto Rico; except for free standing laboratories that are licensed by the Institute of Laboratories according to standards promulgated by the Secretary of Health.

A register of licensed hospitals and nursing homes in Puerto Rico is published annually by said Office. A listing of licensed laboratories is published by the Institute.

The Office of Licensure and Certification of Health Facilities has a staff of qualified inspectors and consultants that visit periodically the licensed facilities to assure continuing eligibility. The Institute has its own staff that visits free standing laboratories regularly.

Standards and records relative to licensing and certification of health facilities and free standing laboratories are available to the Medical Assistance Program.

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